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## Cattle on Feed

**Iowa:** There were 895,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on May 1, 2006, down 3 percent from April 1, 2006, and down 3 percent from May 1, **2005**. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 495,000 head on feed, down 1 percent from last month but up 9 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 400,000 head on feed, down 5 percent from last month, and down 14 percent from last year.

Placements during April totaled 89,000 head, a decrease of 6 percent and 3 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 64,000 head, up 16 percent from both last month and last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 25,000 head. This is down 37 percent and 32 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Marketings for April were 103,000 head, down 4 percent from last month, but up 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 66,000 head, down 10 percent from last month but up 25 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 37,000 head, up 9 percent from

last month, but down 24 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 11,000 head.

United States: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million head on May 1, 2006. The inventory was 9 percent above May 1, 2005 and 11 percent above May 1, 2004. This is the highest May 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.63 million, 2 percent below 2005 but 2 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.54 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 385,000, 600-699 pounds were 270,000, 700-799 pounds were 444,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 530,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.79 million, down slightly from 2005 and 5 percent below 2004. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of April since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 87,000 during April, 4 percent below 2005 and 10 percent below 2004.

### All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle on Feed, April 1, 2006	500	420	920
April Placements	64	25	89
April Marketings	66	37	103
April Other Disappearance	3	8	11
Cattle on Feed, May 1, 2006	495	400	895

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements and Marketings by Month,  
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots <sup>1</sup>**

State	Cattle on Feed May 1			Placements during April			Marketings during April			April Disappearance other than Slaughter <sup>2</sup>		
	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	330	346	105	31	27	87	24	23	96	3	9	300
CA	500	530	106	64	60	94	59	60	102	5	5	100
CO	970	1,060	109	120	140	117	150	140	93	20	10	50
ID	240	245	102	39	31	79	37	34	92	2	2	100
<b>IA</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>150</b>
KS	2,260	2,530	112	375	375	100	425	410	96	30	25	83
NE	2,190	2,320	106	320	320	100	380	390	103	10	10	100
NM	114	132	116	19	18	95	16	24	150	2	1	50
OK	305	340	111	52	48	92	70	66	94	2	2	100
SD	200	200	100	27	28	104	31	35	113	1	3	300
TX	2,630	2,910	111	500	455	91	480	470	98	10	15	150
WA	147	152	103	19	23	121	30	22	73	1	1	100
Oth Sts	300	300	100	39	40	103	46	54	117	3	1	33
US	10,641	11,560	109	1,660	1,629	98	1,801	1,794	100	91	87	96

<sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. <sup>2</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

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